

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, and reconsideration of the Office Action of November 12, 2004. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 5, 9, 12, 31-39, and 44 will remain pending in this application. The changes to the claims are supported by the specification and original claims. New claims 45-50 are added and correspond to the previously withdrawn method claims but drafted to be of similar scope as the allowed product claims. Hence, rejoinder is requested. Moreover, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned representative should the Examiner require minor revisions to the claims including the new method claims. No new matter is incorporated by this Amendment. No additional fees are believed due with the filing of this Amendment.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 5, 9, 12, 31, 35, 36, 38, 39 and 44 are allowed.

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Claims 32 and 33 were objected to for failing to further limit the claims from which they depend. In response, claim 32 and 33 have been rewritten in independent form thereby overcoming the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is thus requested.

Claims 34 and 37 were also objected to and have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Hence, this objection is also overcome and its withdrawal is requested.

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Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment and the above remarks obviate the outstanding objections in this case, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance. Allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

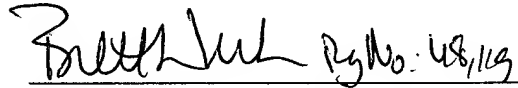
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